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Dear Donald,

Thank you for the lovely photo you sent of the Griswold Reunion. It was very thoughtful of you to send one to me. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the outing, and I certainly will not forget our visit to the home of Mrs. Curtis. I could have spent a whole day just looking at all of the beautiful things in her possession, and wishing just 1/100th of everything in her home belonged to me. It's hard to believe that in this day and age there are still private collections of such magnitude, and we didn't even get a chance to look at her collection of stereoviews!

After I got home I found something that I was sorry I didn't ask Mrs. Curtis about, as I feel she probably could have given me an answer. In the History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties by Alfred Mathews there is a paragraph which reads as follows:

"Francis (Griswold) cleared up the land which now includes the farms of Mr. H.B. Curtis, the old homestead now occupied by Mr. Fred Bucklish, who married the widow of Mr. Griswold's son Homer, who is the estimable daughter of Mr. Charles Van Meter, now of Susquehanna Co. Mr. Loomis married the second daughter of Mr. Griswold and built a very elegant house thereon".

I am curious about the old homestead mentioned above, inasmuch as Fred Bucklish was my grandmother's half-brother and I have a feeling that it must have been the house we visited or one very near there.

I have gone through our old family album, and as I suspected most of the photos are from either Carbondale or Honesdale, and you have all of that information. However, there were a couple of photos from Pittston and on two of them the photographer was Charles Fritsch, and the address is: 5 N. Main St., Pittston, Pa. There are no dates on either photograph, but I would presume the age of the little girl in the photo to be somewhere about 7 years of age, and I know that she was born in 1883, so I figure the photo was taken somewhere around 1900. The above photographer is listed on page 4, col. 3 of the May 21st issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Sorry I was unable to find anything more that could have been of help to you.

I have found the information I promised you for the Phila. Archives Branch: 5000 Wissahickon Ave., Phila., Pa. 19144. Tel. 215-951-5591; hours 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri. The hours were never meant for someone who works for a living, but it is a most fascinating place and hope that sometime you will be able to get there.